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In re Application of

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For: GAS-PROOF ASSEMBLY COMPOSED OF A BIPOLAR PLATE AND A
MEMBRANE-ELECTRODE UNIT OF POLYMER ELECTROLYTE MEMBRANE
FUEL CELLS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

To the Director of the Patent and Trademark Office

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the amended application attached hereto which replaces the original application and is a translation of PCT/DE99/01890, which includes the amendments made in the Preliminary International Examination Report.

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